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GOVERNOR

Mr. Robert D. Manfred, Jr. Commissioner
Major League Baseball
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Dear Commissioner Manfred:

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 31, 2018

As the 2018 regular season draws to a close, I once again request your leadership to seek resolution between the Baltimore Orioles, the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN), and Major League Baseball (MLB). As this dispute enters its sixth year, the issue of MASN TV rights is of great concern to me for its potential negative impact on the Orioles, the City of Baltimore, and the State of Maryland.

As a longtime small businessman, I strongly believe that organizations, whether public or private or an individual club, must honor their commitments. Contracts must be binding. Therefore, the contested MASN rights fees should favor the integrity of the original 2005 contract between the Orioles and MLB.

As we discussed in our last meeting, the lease between the Orioles and the Maryland Stadium Authority will expire in 2021. It is clear to me that serious discussions of a new lease, or an extension of the current lease, will remain at an impasse until this matter is resolved. Additionally, the iconic Oriole Park at Camden Yards is twenty-seven years old and will require significant reinvestment, however, due to the lingering uncertainty, we are unable to meaningfully plan for the future of perhaps the greatest ballpark in the game. Thus, I ask you to immediately facilitate discussions to bring this matter to a resolution that is beneficial to all parties.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to support the return of the All-Star Game to Camden Yards. As Major League Baseball explores the addition of new franchises, it's easy to overlook that Baltimore has not hosted the All-Star Game in 25 years. For most MLB fans like myself, I fondly recall when Ken Griffey Jr. elevated his legacy by marking the B&O Warehouse with his inspiring homerun at the 1993 All-Star Game. That feat has withstood the test of time, and the city of Baltimore is restless to witness the next generation's time capsule at Camden Yards – a stadium whose influence on modern baseball architecture is widely recognized.

I thank you for your support and look forward to working with you to broker a meaningful discussion. I am committed to helping find a resolution that is both equitable and acceptable to all parties, and allows our great partnership to continue. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and Sean Powell, my Deputy Chief of Staff. Mr. Powell can be reached at either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

A large, blue, stylized lowercase letter 'h'.

Larry Hogan
Governor

cc: Thomas Kelso, Chairman, Maryland Stadium Authority